

House Resolution No. 2973

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Ernestine C. Bates, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will celebrate her retirement from the St. Louis City School District on June 18, 2004, with a festive retirement party to be held at the Airport Hilton Hotel in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Ernestine Bates has played an integral role in the educational development of many Missouri youth as a stellar employee of the St. Louis City School District for thirty-three years, during which time she has served as a Classroom Teacher, Reading Recovery Teacher, Teacher in Charge, Acting Instructional Coordinator, and Title 1 Reading Teacher; and

Whereas, during her impressive tenure, Ernestine Bates served as a Building Steward for Local 420 for twenty-three years, TEAC Chairperson at Marshall and Jackson schools, and member of the Leadership Team and the School Safety Team at Jackson School; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year Award, Ernestine Bates earned her Master's degree in Education at Webster University in 1987 and received her Lifetime Teaching Certification; and

Whereas, Ernestine Bates is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the International Reading Association, Reading Recovery of North America, National Teachers of Mathematics, the Missouri Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel, and the St. Louis Teachers and SRP Union Local 420:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ernestine Bates for her thirty-three years of unparalleled service to the St. Louis City School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ernestine Bates.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2973, adopted May 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker